

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for routing conductors in an integrated circuit design

comprising the steps of:

5 determining the number of sensitive conductors requiring placement into
quiet track locations, wherein a quiet track location is defined as any track location
immediately adjacent to a stable conductor;

determining the number of quiet track locations available in said integrated
circuit design;

10 routing one or more sensitive conductors into one or more quiet track
locations.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

ranking one or more sensitive conductors according to the relative

15 desirability of said one or more sensitive conductors being placed into a quiet
environment, as compared to other conductors; and

wherein said routing step further includes the step of routing said ranked
sensitive conductors, according to said ranking.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of:

ranking one or more preferred track locations according to whether said one or more preferred track locations are adjacent to one or more stable conductors;
and

5 wherein said routing step further includes the step of routing said ranked sensitive conductors, according to said track location ranking, and said sensitive conductor ranking.

4. A computer system for routing conductors in an integrated circuit design,
10 the computer system comprising:
a processor; and
a memory having stored therein the following

means for determining the number of sensitive conductors requiring
placement into a quiet track location, wherein a quiet track location is defined as
15 any track location immediately adjacent to a stable conductor;

means for determining the number of quiet track locations available
in said integrated circuit design;

means for routing one or more sensitive conductors into one or more quiet track locations.

5. The computer system according to claim 4, the memory further having
5 stored therein the following:

means for ranking one or more sensitive conductors according to the relative desirability of said one or more sensitive conductors being placed into a quiet environment, as compared to other conductors; and

means for routing said ranked sensitive conductors, according to said
10 ranking.

6. The computer system according to claim 4, the memory further having
stored therein the following:

means for ranking one or more preferred track locations according to
15 whether said one or more preferred track locations are adjacent to one or more stable conductors; and

means for routing said ranked sensitive conductors, according to said track location ranking, and said sensitive conductor ranking.

7. A machine-readable medium disposed on a computer to perform a method for routing conductors in an integrated circuit design, the method comprising the steps of:

5 determining the number of sensitive conductors requiring placement into a quiet track location, wherein a quiet track location is defined as any track location immediately adjacent to a stable conductor;

determining the number of quiet track locations available in said integrated circuit design;

10 routing one or more sensitive conductors into one or more quiet track locations.

8. The machine-readable medium of claim 7, the method therein further comprising the step of:

15 ranking one or more sensitive conductors according to the relative desirability of said one or more sensitive conductors being placed into a quiet environment, as compared to other conductors; and

wherein said routing step further includes the step of routing said ranked sensitive conductors, according to said ranking.

9. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, the method therein further

5 comprising the step of:

ranking one or more preferred track locations according to whether said one or more preferred track locations are adjacent to one or more stable conductors; and

wherein said routing step further includes the step of routing said ranked

10 sensitive conductors, according to said track location ranking and said sensitive conductor ranking.